GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON MANDATORY RURAL SERVICE
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted Dr. Sambasiva Rao Committee to inquire into the Medicos recent protest against the proposed mandatory rural service for one year in PHC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report;

(d) whether such compulsory rural service in PHC would entail them the right to employment State medical service; and

(e) if not, the reasons for such insistence of rural service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (e) With the view to ensure availability of doctors in the rural areas of the country, this Ministry has constituted a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Sambasiva Rao, Additional Director General of Health Services, to assess the opinion of the students community, medical faculties and other stakeholders on the proposal of the Ministry regarding one year compulsory rural posting of fresh medical graduate. The Committee will submit its report on completion of their ongoing tours to various states in the country. The terms and conditions of the compulsory rural posting have not yet been finalized.